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In the Application of:

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EQUALIZATION IN A
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.114**

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Dear Sir:

This paper responds to the Final Office Action mailed October 30, 2009 ("Final Office Action") in the above-identified application with a three-month reply period through January 30, 2010. The Applicant respectfully requests continued examination in the instant application and consideration of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the claim listing, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.